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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 4348

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SUBJECT: SOCIALIST MEETING ON PORTUGAL

REF: STOCKHOLM 4212 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING CALL I MADE YESTERDAY ON PRIME MINISTER PALME
TO INTRODUCE MEMBERS OF VISITING U.S. IPU DELEGATION
(SEPTTEL), PALME CONFIRMED THAT FIRST MEETING OF EUROPEAN
SOCIALIST LEADERS TO CONSIDER ASSISTANCE TO DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN
PORTUGAL (REFTTEL) WILL BE HELD IN LONDON, SEPT. 5. PARTICIPATING,
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IN ADDITION TO PALME, WILL BE HAROLD WILSON, FRANCOIS

MITTERAND, WILLY BRANDT, AND JOHANNES DEN UYL.

2. PALME SAID HE DID NOT RPT NOT AGREE WITH THE IDEA OF SOME OF HIS FELLOW SOCIALIST LEADERS FOR ESTABLISHING CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHICH PORTUGAL SHOULD MEET (SUCH AS FREE ELECTIONS AND FORMATION OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT) BEFORE AID IS GRANTED TO THAT COUNTRY. HE SAID GOS BELIEVES AID SHOULD BE CONTINUED TO PORTUGAL IRRESPECTIVE OF ITS PROGRESS TOWARDS DEMOCRACY. WEST EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS SHOULD BE REALISTIC ABOUT FREE ELECTIONS, HE CONTINUED, NOTING THAT FEW COUNTRIES ACTUALLY HAVE FREE ELECTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, SOVIETS CLAIM TO HAVE FREE ELECTIONS BUT WHAT GOES BY THIS NAME IS ONLY A PARODY OF ELECTIONS. ELECTIONS WILL BE A DECISIVE FACTOR IN PORTUGUESE POLITICS FOR YEARS TO COME.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE ANGOLAN REFUGEES ON PORTUGAL, NOTING THAT THEY CREATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS THAT THE PORTUGUESE ARE NOT ABLE TO COPE WITH.
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